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**MASSACHUSETTS MAN INDICTED FOR TRANSPORTATION
OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLES**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono reports that William Pineo, age 24, of Leominster, Massachusetts, was arraigned by United States District Court Magistrate Judge James Muirhead following his indictment by a grand jury sitting in the District of New Hampshire for three counts of interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle, and two counts of theft of government property. Pineo was detained without bail pending his June 3, 2003 sentencing hearing in U. S. District Court.

The indictment charges Pineo with the interstate transportation of stolen Ford Crown Victorias, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2312, and theft of government vehicle license plates, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641.

If convicted, Pineo faces up to a ten-year term of imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Terry L. Ollila and was investigated by the Criminal Investigations Division of the Federal Protective Service, Department of Homeland Security and the Bedford, New Hampshire Resident Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY COLANTUONO REMINDS THE PUBLIC THAT AN INDICTMENT IS ONLY AN ALLEGATION AND NOT PROOF OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT. AS IN ALL CASES, EACH DEFENDANT IS PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT.